



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"



Tim Gallagher, Director

August 12, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 RELATING TO
ARBORETA AND BOTANIC GARDENS AND
RESCIND WORKING TITLE "LA COUNTY BOTANIC GARDEN"
(FIFTH DISTRICT, 3-VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code relating to the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens; Chapter 2.26, Section 1, Subsection A(1) of Section 2.26.170 - Director of Parks and Recreation.
2. Rescind working title "LA County Botanic Garden" for the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 14, 2003, your Board approved a motion designating the Arboretum of Los Angeles County's official name "Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden", with a shortened working title, "LA County Botanic Garden". However, residents expressed concern that the shortened name does not make reference to the Arboretum. Two public meetings were held in May 2003 inviting the public to share their issues. An overwhelming number of participants at the public meetings were very concerned about the name and requested that the working title retain the "Arboretum" within the name of the facility. The Director of Parks and Recreation, the President of the Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation Board of Trustees and The Arboretum Chief Executive Officer concur with this recommendation.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The implementation of this action enhances the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence: provide the public with easy access to quality information and services that are both beneficial and responsive; Community Services: improve the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles County communities by offering a wide range of department coordinated services to each community's specific needs; and Fiscal Responsibility: increase the number of visitors and, in turn, generate revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There are no anticipated costs associated with this recommendation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of the recommendation to adopt the Ordinance will amend Subsection A(1) of Section 2.26.170 of Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, to allow for the name change of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum to the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden.

An analysis of the Ordinance has been performed by the office of County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action has no impact on current services.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

This action is exempt from the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that it has no significant impact on the environment. State CEQA Guidelines; Section 15061(b)(3).

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to forward three conformed copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for filing and transmittal to the Arboretum Foundation and the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Gallagher', written over a horizontal line.

Tim Gallagher
Director, Parks and Recreation

Enclosure

c: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

ATTACHMENT

ORDINANCE NO.

An ordinance amending Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code relating to the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection A(1) of Section 2.26.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.26.170 Arboreta and botanic gardens.

A. Powers and Duties. The director of parks and recreation shall:

On and after January 1, 1993, the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section, assume the functions previously performed by the director of the department of arboreta and botanic gardens, including administrative charge, maintenance and control of the ~~Los Angeles State and County Arboretum~~ Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden located in the City of Arcadia, Descanso Gardens located in the City of La Canada-Flintridge, South Coast Botanic Gardens located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, the Virginia Robinson Gardens located in the City of Beverly Hills, and such other property as is acquired by the county for arboreta or botanic garden purposes;

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ATTACHMENT II

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code to reflect the change of the name of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum to the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden.

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1/22/03 (requested)

1/23/03 (revised)